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WHAT HAPPENS EVERY TIME YOU BITE INTO A Striped Chips Ahoy!

Chocolate Chip Cookies



TO FIND OUT,
UNSCRAMBLE EACH
SET OF LETTERS TO FORM
A WORD THAT DESCRIBES
STRIPED CHIPS AHOY!
WRITE EACH WORD IN
THE BOXES. NOW ARRANGE
THE CIRCLED LETTERS
TO COMPLETE THE
LINE "BETCHA
BITE A _____."

BETCHA
BITE A

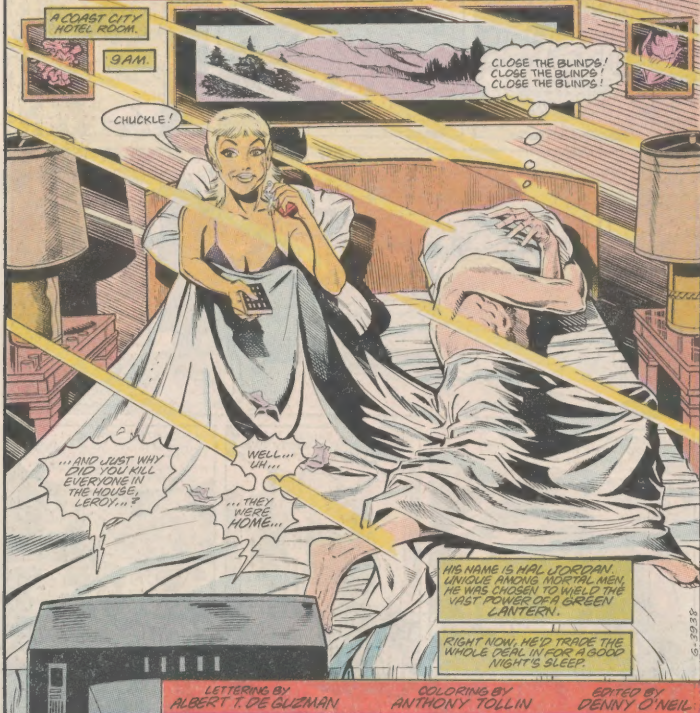


ANS: FUDGE, DELICIOUS, RICH, CHOCOLATE, CHIPS, COOKIE

GREEN LANTERN

"GUILTY!"

BY JAMES OWSELEY AND TOD SMITH



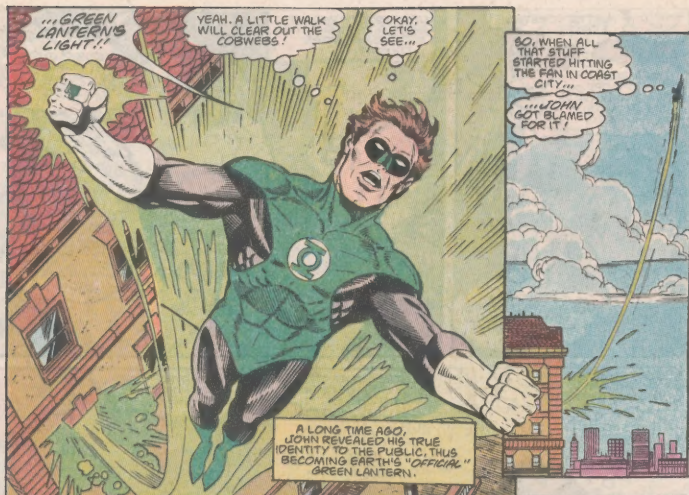
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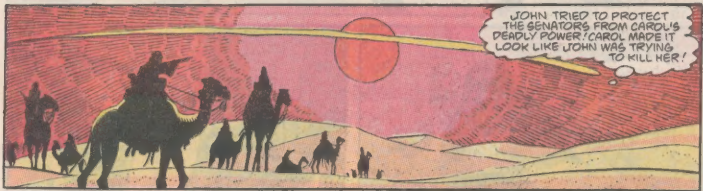
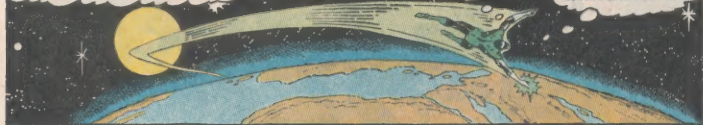


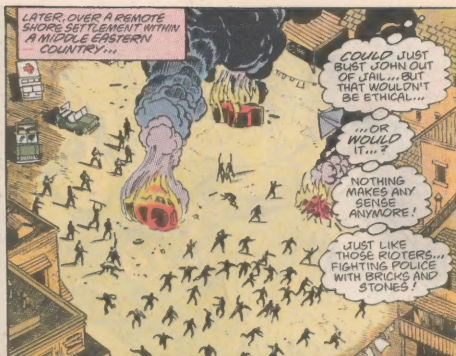
CAROL FERRIS... STAR SAPPHIRE...
CAUSED ENORMOUS DAMAGE...
ENDANGERED THOUSANDS OF LIVES...

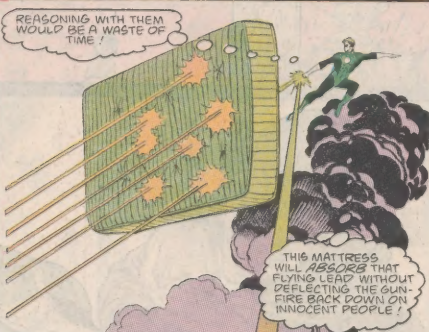
... SHE KILLED
JOHN'S WIFE...

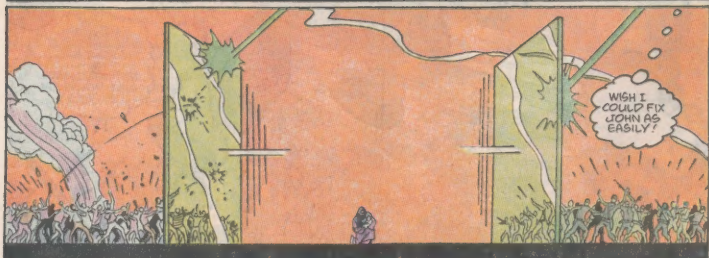
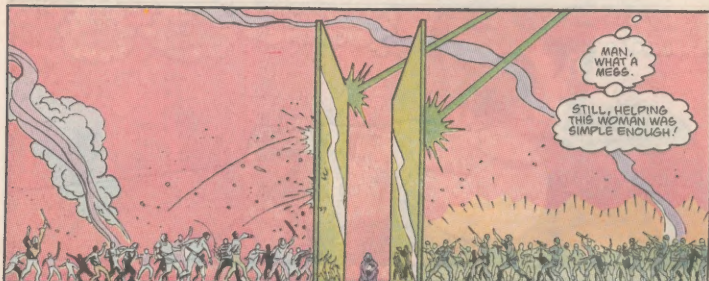
... ALL IN AN EFFORT
TO GET AT ME.

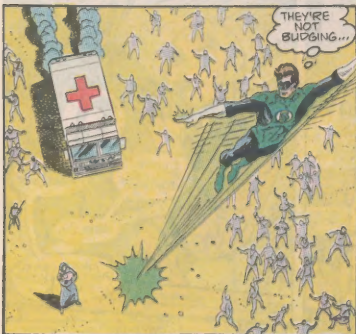
THE AUTHORITIES
HAULED JOHN INTO
A U.S. SENATE HEARING.
CAROL SHOWED UP.

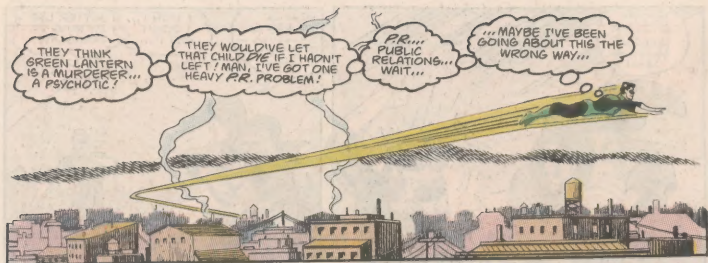












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DEADMAN

AND
D.B. COOPER
ARE ESCAPING
FROM HELL.

ESCAPE
FROM HELL

FOR THE LOVE
OF RAMA, DB! WHEN YOU SAID
WE COULD ESCAPE
FROM HELL BY
CLIMBING THIS
MOUNTAIN, I NEVER
DREAMED IT WOULD
BE LIKE THIS!
WHAT HAPPENS
IF WE SLIP?

I MEAN, WE'RE
ALREADY DEAD,
RIGHT? SO IT
WON'T KILL US...

AND
WHATEVER
YOU DO, DON'T
TALK TO THE
OLD MAN IN
THE CAVE!

WAIT A
MINUTE!
WHAT OLD
MAN IN A CAVE?
ARE YOU MAKING
THIS UP AS YOU
GO ALONG?

HEY, LOOK--
YOU THINK IT'S
PEACHES AND CREAM
BACK IN THE REST
OF HELL? THERE'S
TROUBLE ALL OVER--
WE MIGHT AS WELL
MAKE A BREAK
FOR IT.

NO, BUT IT
COULD BREAK
EVERY BONE
IN YOUR BODY.
YOU'D LIE THERE
TWITCHING IN
PAIN FOR ALL
ETERNITY.

DON'T
LOOK
DOWN.

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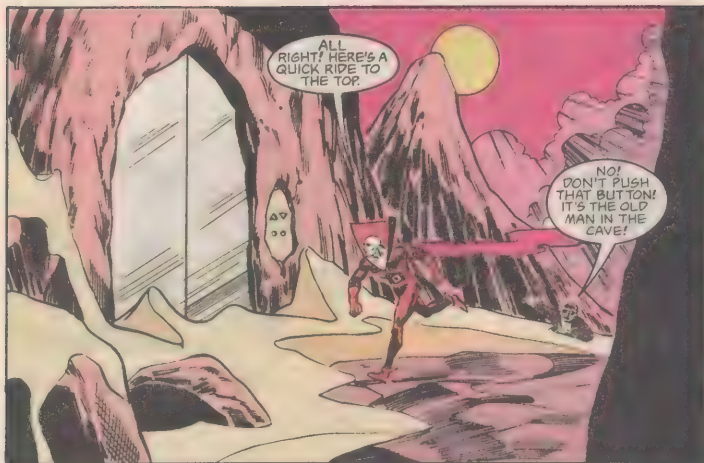
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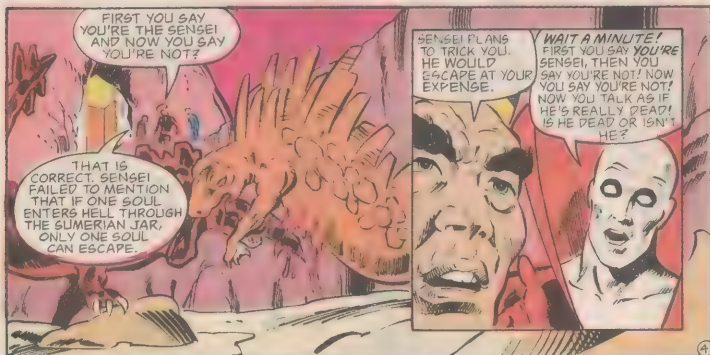
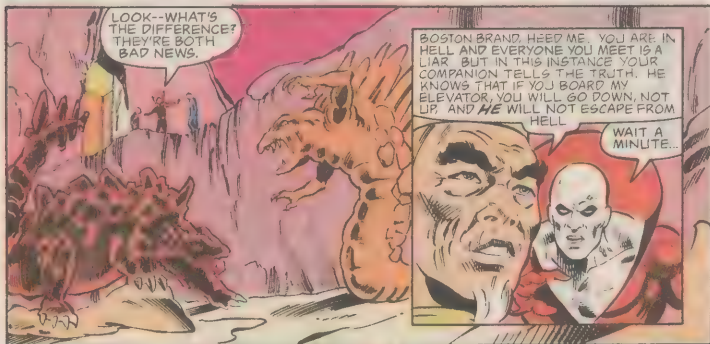
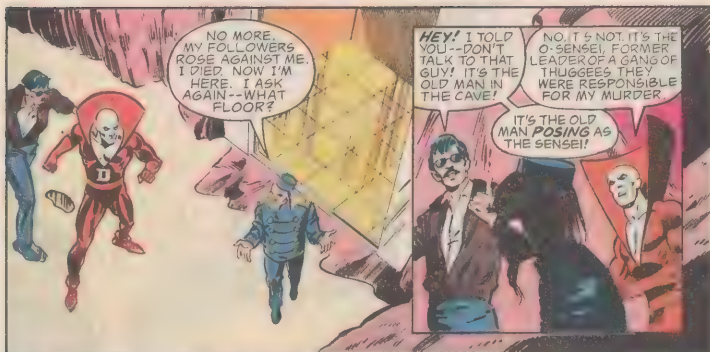
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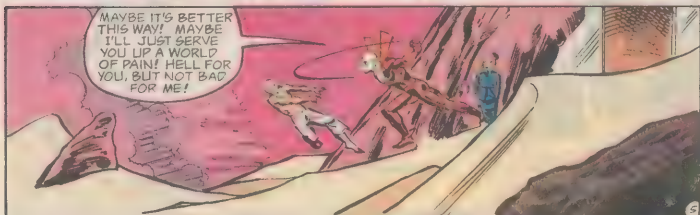
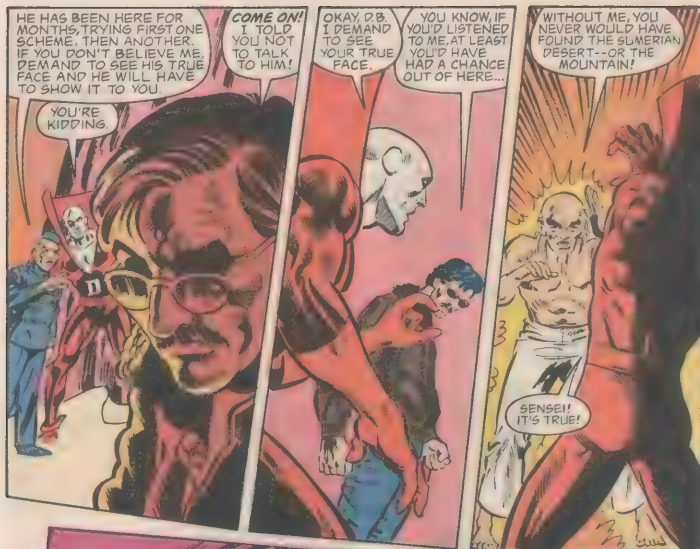


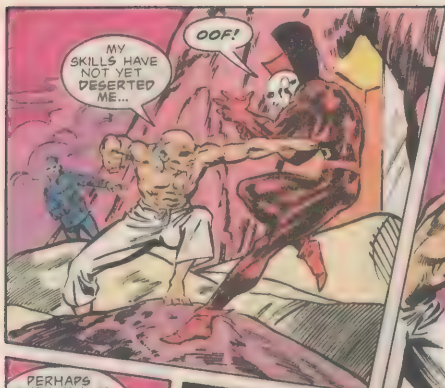
THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH HELL--ALL THE DRAWBACKS OF LIFE AND NONE OF THE PLEASURES.











MY
SKILLS HAVE
NOT YET
DERSEED
ME...

OOF!



HOW LONG HAVE WE BATTLED,
BOSTON BRAND? TRULY THIS IS
HELL--WE ARE FATED TO CONTEST
ONE ANOTHER BEYOND DEATH,
THROUGH ALL
ETERNITY..

SKIP
THE RELIGIOUS
INTERPRETATION,
SENSE! I THOUGHT
YOU WERE A
BUDDHIST!



PERHAPS
WHEN YOU LIE
IN AGONY AT THE
BASE OF THIS
MOUNTAIN YOU
WILL APPRECIATE
THE IRONY OF OUR
SITUATION...

I HAVE
NEWS FOR YOU,
SENSEI...



YOU'RE
LOSING YOUR
GRIP!



NOOOO!

YEAH!
WHY DON'T
YOU TAKE THE
QUICK ROUTE
TO THE
BOTTOM?



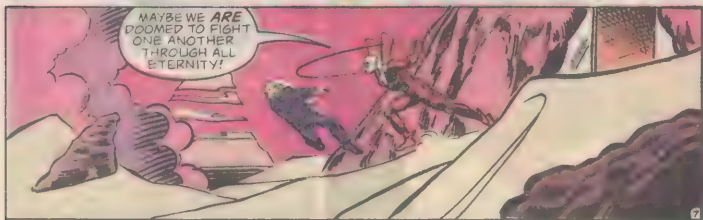
WELL THAT SHOULD MAKE ME FEEL BETTER, BUT IT DOESN'T.

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT A TRUE DENIZEN OF HELL. IT'S AN INTERESTING QUANDARY, ISN'T IT? HELL WAS CREATED TO PUNISH THE GUILTY, YET THE INNOCENT MUST SUFFER AS WELL.

WHO IS TO SAY WHETHER THE TRULY WICKED MIGHT NOT BE HAPPIER HERE THAN THE ANGELS IN THEIR HEAVENS?

I DEMAND TO SEE YOUR TRUE FACE.

HA HA! I'M AFRAID THAT WON'T WORK WITH ME. THIS IS MY MOUNTAIN, YOU KNOW.

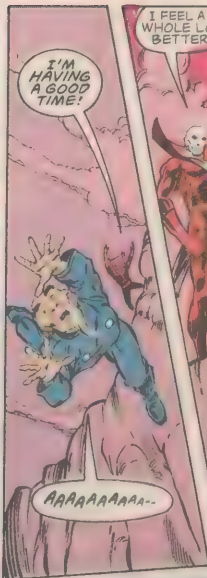




AND MAYBE
I REALLY
BELONG HERE
BECAUSE YOU
KNOW WHAT?



NOOOOO--



I'M
HAVING
A GOOD
TIME!

AAAAAAAAAAAA--



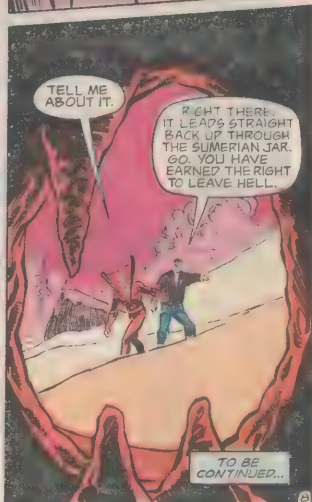
I FEEL A
WHOLE LOT
BETTER.

THAT'S
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
BECOMING
ADJUSTED.



WHO THE
HELL ARE
YOU, PAL?

I'M THE
OLD MAN IN
THE CAVE.



TELL ME
ABOUT IT.

RIGHT THERE.
IT LEADS STRAIGHT
BACK UP THROUGH
THE SUMERIAN JAR.
GO. YOU HAVE
EARNED THE RIGHT
TO LEAVE HELL.

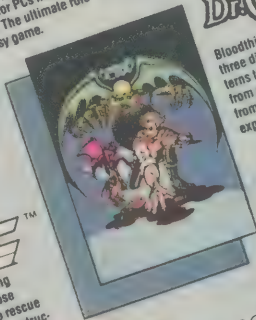
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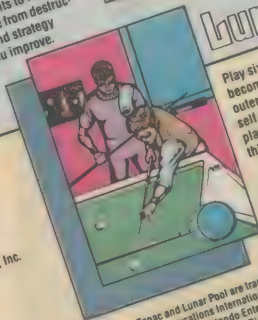
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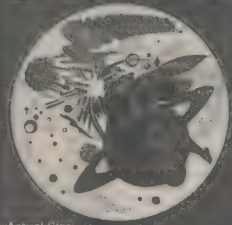
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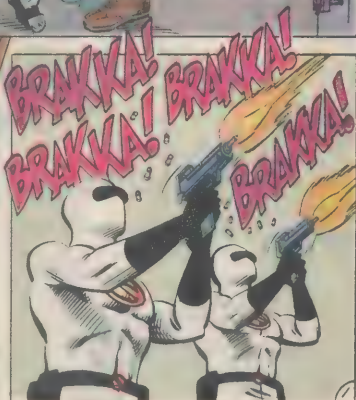
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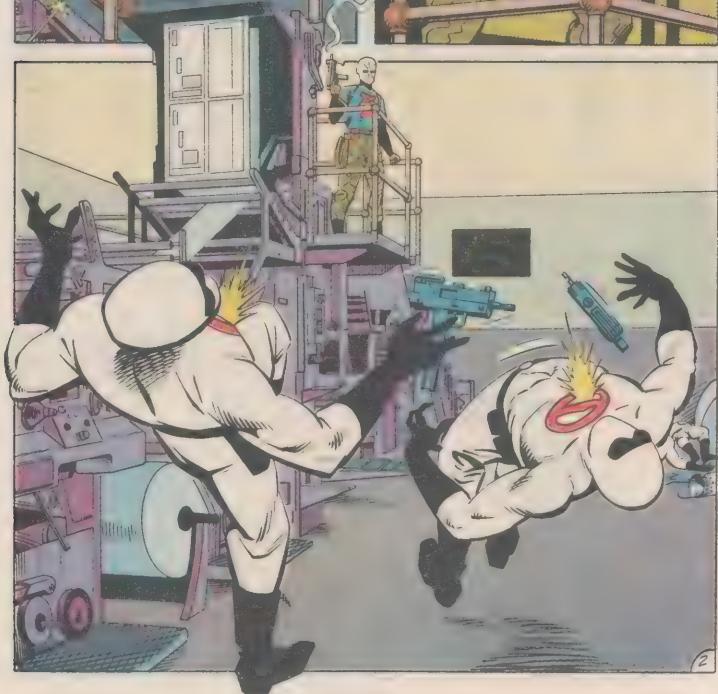
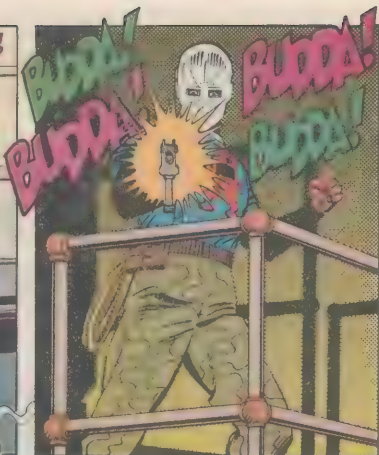
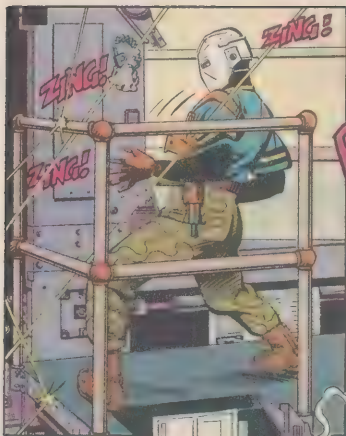


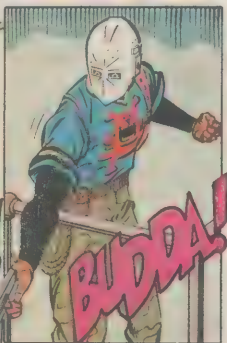
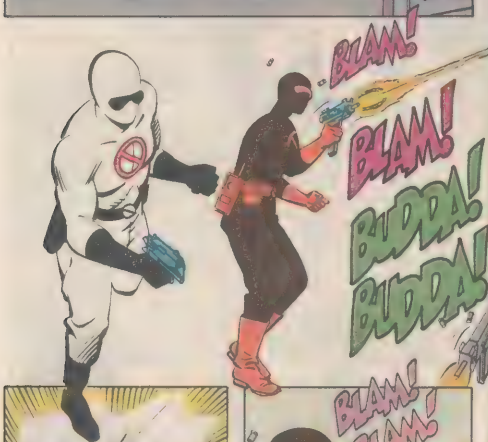
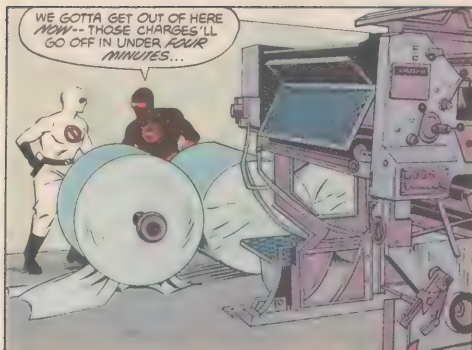
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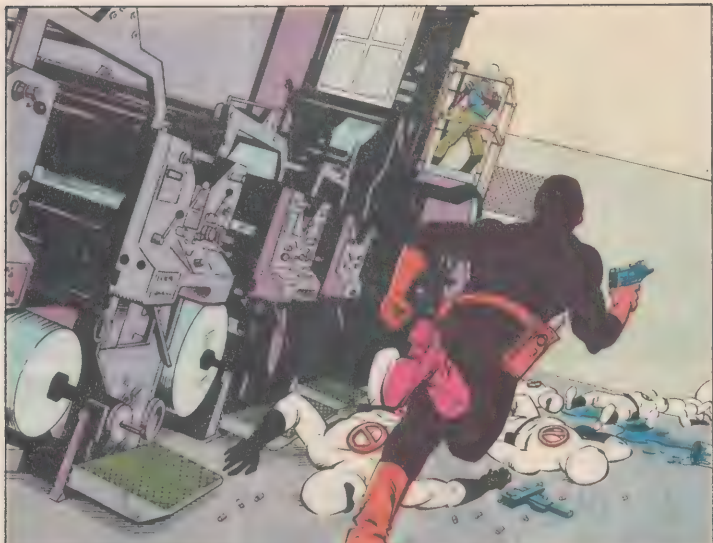
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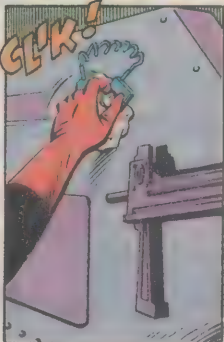
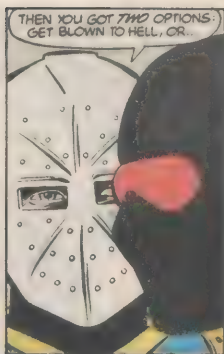


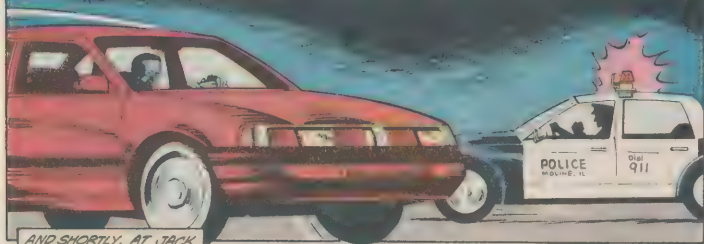




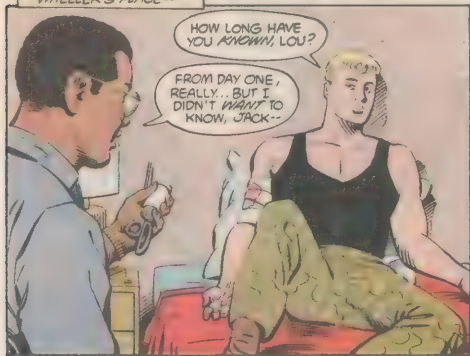
ARE YOU READY
TO DIE FOR YOUR
CAUSE?

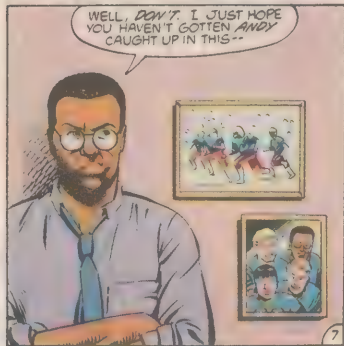
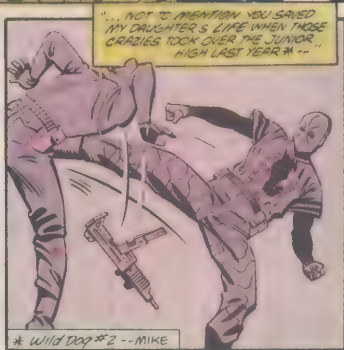
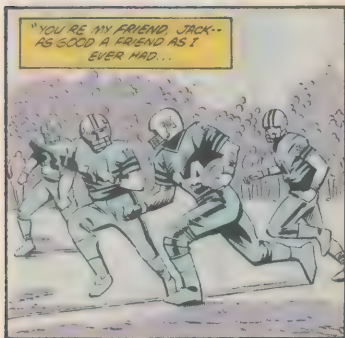
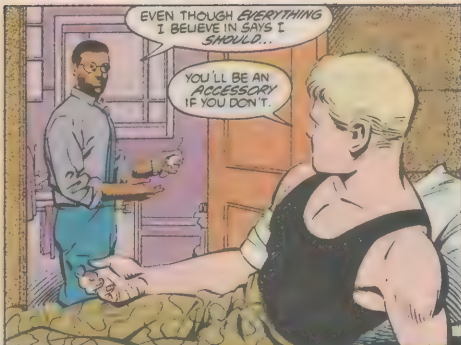
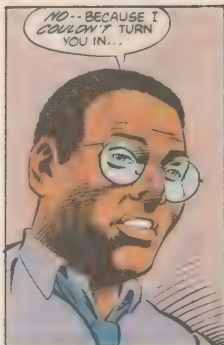
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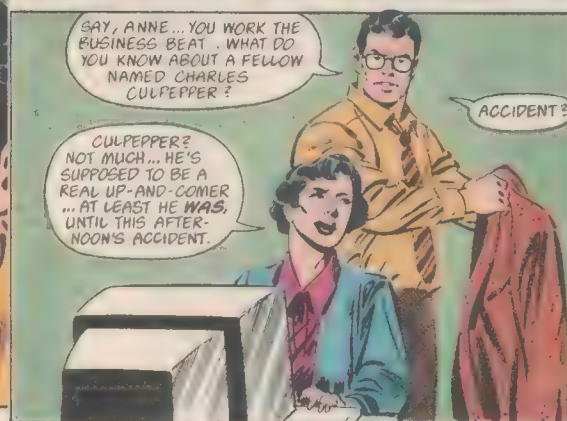
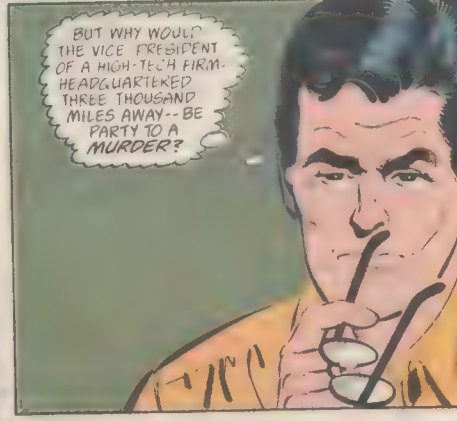
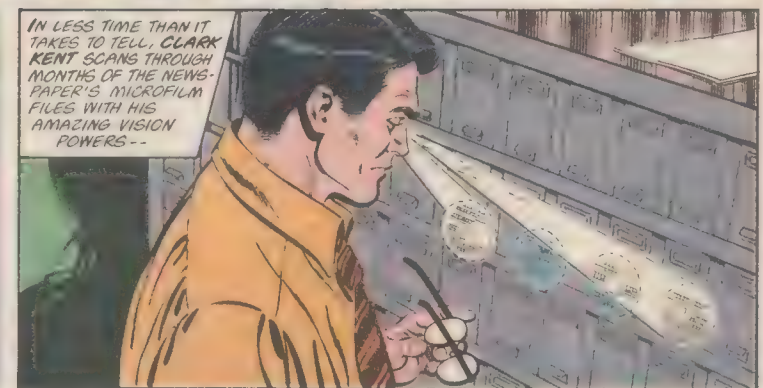
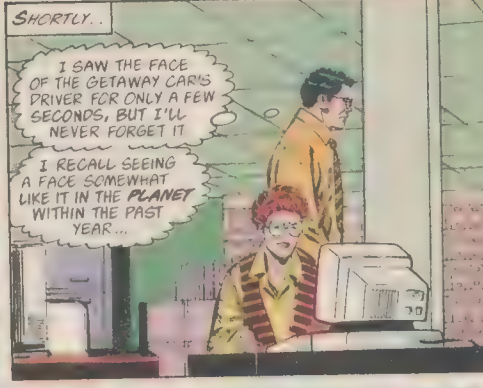
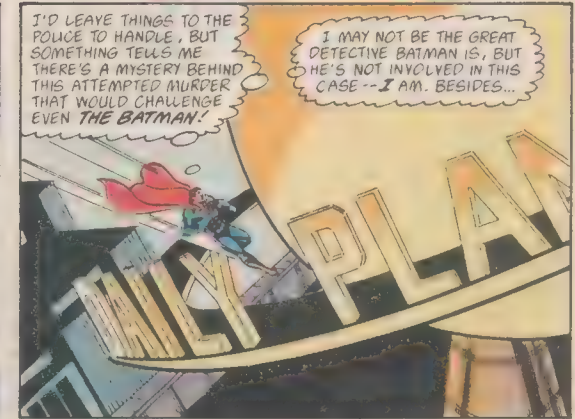
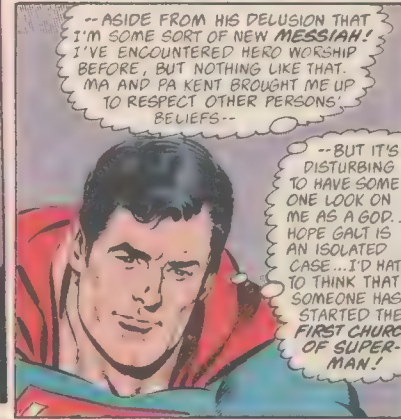
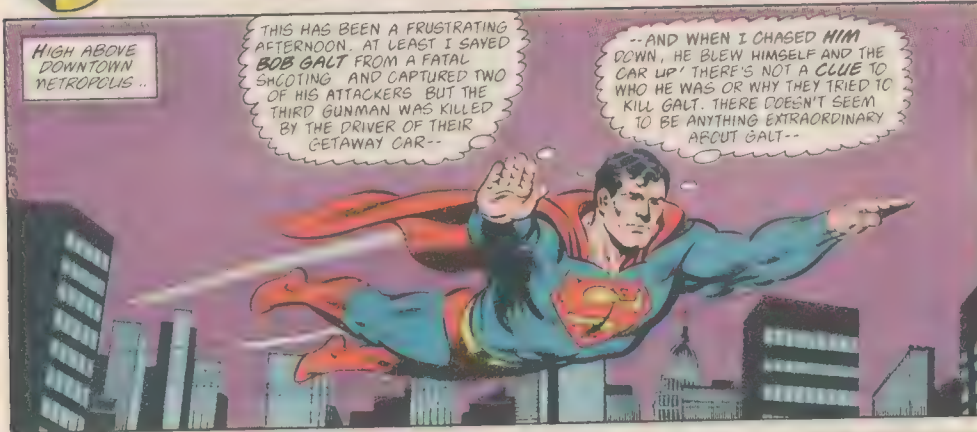
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THE SECRET SIX!

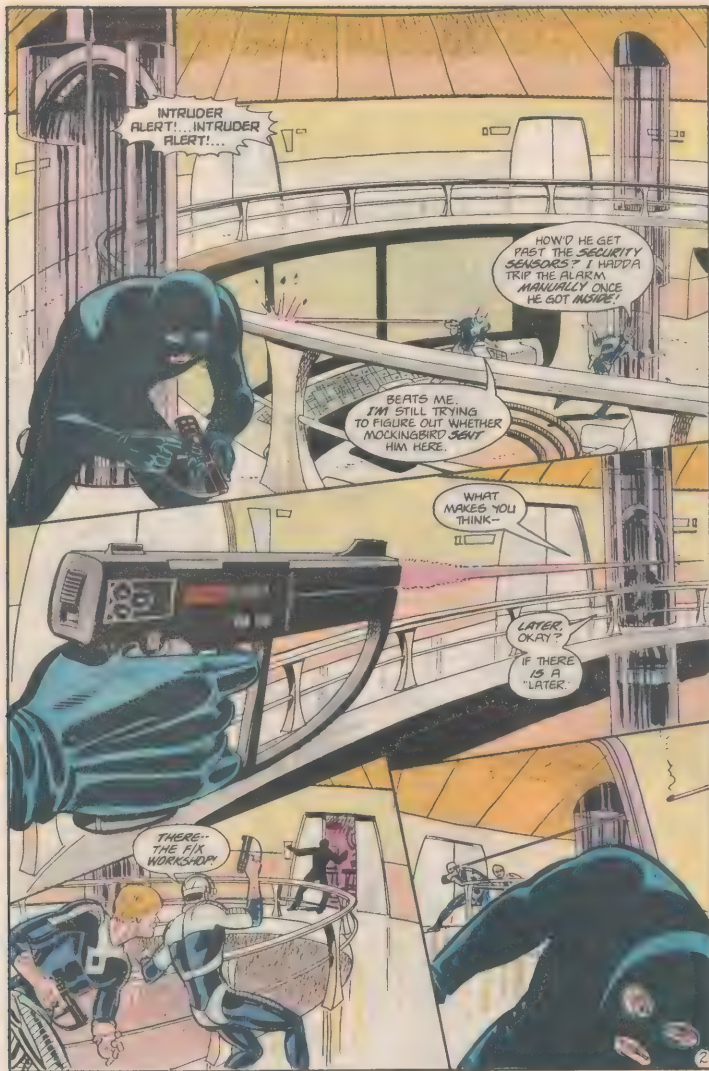
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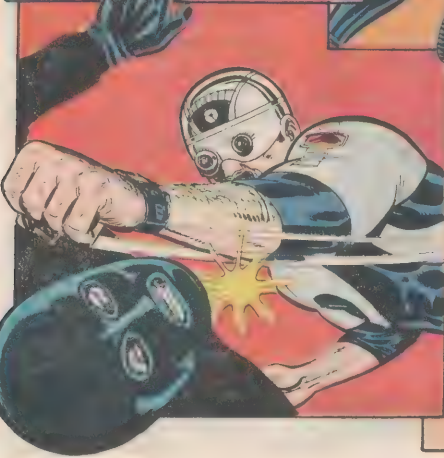
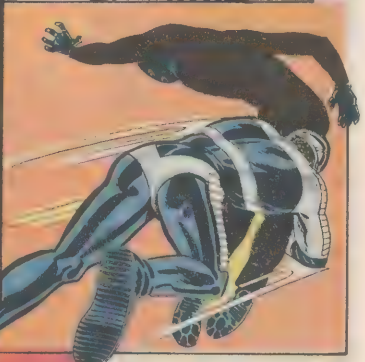
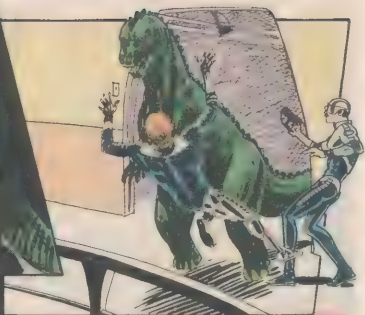
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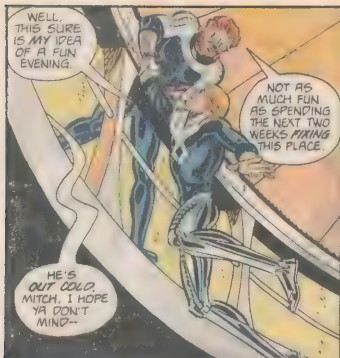
INTRUDER
ALERT!...INTRUDER
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WRITTEN BY MARTIN PASKO
LETTERED BY CARRIE SPIEGLE
DRAWN BY DAN SPIEGLE
EDITED BY DICK GIORDANO
COLORED BY CARL GAFFORD

FREED!







WELL, THIS SURE IS MY IDEA OF A FUN EVENING.

NOT AS MUCH FUN AS SPENDING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS FIRING THIS PLACE.

HE'S OUT COLD, MITCH. I HOPE YA DON'T MIND--



--I BORROWED YOUR PROP HANDCUFFS...

SOMEBODY WANNA GO WAKE UP TONY? I SWEAR, HE SLEEPS LIKE HE'S DEAF OR SOMETHING.

VERY FUNNY WHAT HAPPENED?

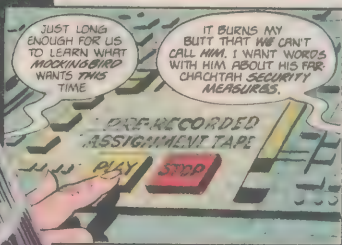


IT'S A LONG STORY

IS LADONNA OKAY?

SHE WILL BE. SHE JUST TOOK SOME TASER FIRE.

SHE'LL BE OUT FOR A COUPLE HOURS, THROUGH.



JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO LEARN WHAT MOCKINGBIRD WANTS THIS TIME

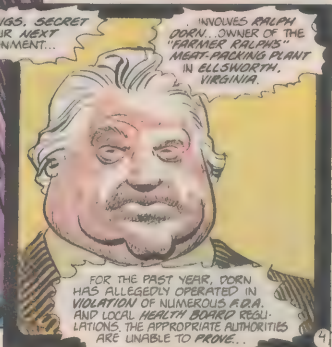
IT BURNS MY BUTT THAT WE CAN'T CALL HIM. I WANT WORDS WITH HIM ABOUT HIS FAR-CHACHTAH SECURITY MEASURES.

PRE-RECORDED ASSIGNMENT TAPE

PLAY STOP

GREETINGS, SECRET SIX. YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT...

INVOLVES RALPH DORN... OWNER OF THE "FARMER RALPHS" MEAT-PACKING PLANT IN ELLSWORTH, VIRGINIA.



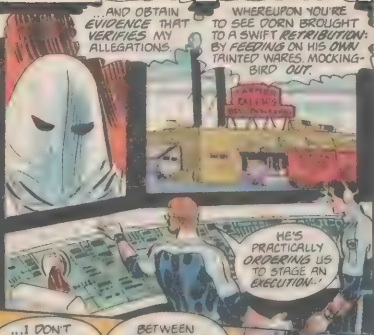
FOR THE PAST YEAR, DORN HAS ALLEGEDLY OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF NUMEROUS F.D.A. AND LOCAL HEALTH BOARD REGULATIONS. THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES ARE UNABLE TO PROVE...

...THAT MUCH OF THE COMPANY'S PRODUCT IS CONTAMINATED...OR THAT DORN'S PRODUCTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RASH OF MYSTERIOUS DEATHS IN THE AREA.

YOU ARE TO INFILTRATE THE PACKING PLANT.

...AND OBTAIN EVIDENCE THAT VERIFIES MY ALLEGATIONS.

WHEREUPON YOU'RE TO SEE DORN BROUGHT TO A SWIFT RETRIBUTION: BY FEEDING ON HIS OWN TAINTED WARES. MOCKING-BIRD OUT.



HE'S PRACTICALLY ORDERING US TO STAGE AN EXECUTION.

SQUEAMISH, HOBBERMAN? MAKE UP YOUR MIND: EITHER YOU'RE PART OF THIS TEAM--AND YA GO THE DISTANCE WITH IT--OR YOU'RE NOT.

BUT TAKE YOUR TIME.

...I DON'T THINK WE'RE GONNA GET AROUND TO THIS ONE RIGHT AWAY.

BETWEEN HOW THAT GUY UPSTAIRS GOT IN HERE AND WHAT HE WANTS...



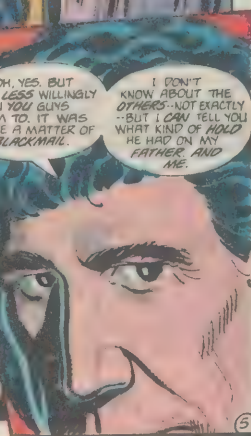
"I'D SAY WE GOT OUR HANDS FULL."

--I TOLD YOU, MY NAME'S RAPHAEL DI RIENZI. MY FATHER WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINALS--THE ORIGINAL SECRET SIX.

THEN THERE WAS ANOTHER GROUP BEFORE US. AND THEY WORKED FOR MOCKIN'BIRD, TOO?

OH, YES. BUT EVEN LESS WILLINGLY THAN YOU GUYS SEEM TO. IT WAS MORE A MATTER OF...BLACKMAIL.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHERS--NOT EXACTLY--BUT I CAN TELL YOU WHAT KIND OF HOLD HE HAD ON MY FATHER AND ME.





"PAPA WAS 'CARLO THE MAGNIFICENT'... 'THE ITALIAN HOUDINI,' THEY CALLED HIM.

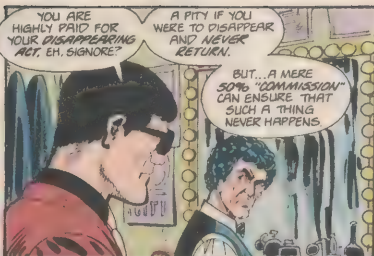
"BY THE TIME I WAS 12, HE ENJOYED INTERNATIONAL STARDOM.

"THE KIND OF STARDOM THAT, IN SICILY, THE RATS CRAWL OUT OF THEIR HOLES TO SNIFF AROUND..."



BUT ON HIS WAY OUT, HE MUTTERED A PROMISE OF RETRIBUTION.

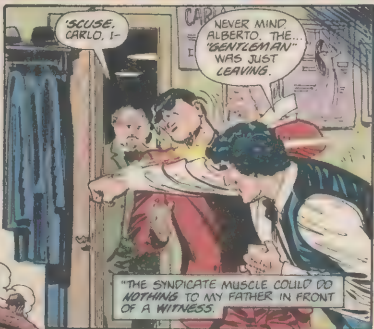
"PAPA SIMPLY LAUGHED IN HIS FACE, BUT THERE WAS NO LAUGHTER A FEW NIGHTS LATER WHEN HE WAS DRIVING HOME FROM THE CLUB..."



"YOU ARE HIGHLY PAID FOR YOUR DISAPPEARING ACT, EH, SIGNORE?"

A PITY IF YOU WERE TO DISAPPEAR AND NEVER RETURN.

BUT...A MERE 50% "COMMISSION" CAN ENSURE THAT SUCH A THING NEVER HAPPENS



"SCUSE, CARLO, I-

NEVER MIND ALBERTO THE... 'GENTLEMAN' WAS JUST LEAVING.

"THE SYNDICATE MUSCLE COULD DO NOTHING TO MY FATHER IN FRONT OF A WITNESS.



"...AND WAS FORCED TO WATCH HELPLESSLY AS...

"INSANE WITH GRIEF HE TORE THROUGH THE FLAMING WRECKAGE OF THE HOUSE THE MAFIA HAD BOMBED, UNTIL..."

FIND GINO SAVE HIM, FOR ME, IT IS OVER.

"WITH THAT, MAMA DIED IN HIS ARMS, AND SO, HE KEPT ON SEARCHING..."



I CAN STILL HEAR HIM CALLING OUT... "GINO...GINO."

THAT'S WHAT HE CALLED ME THEN--HIS NICKNAME FOR ME.

FINALLY, HE FOUND ME... BARELY ALIVE. MY LEGS HAD BEEN CRUSHED BY FALLING DEBRIS.

"DOCTOR AFTER DOCTOR SAID NOTHING COULD BE DONE FOR ME...UNTIL PAPA WAS CONTACTED BY A SPECIALIST IN SWITZERLAND, WHO INVITED US TO HIS CLINIC."



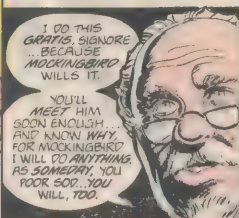
IT WILL TAKE TIME...



...BUT WITH MY PROGRAM OF SURGERY AND PHYSICAL THERAPY, THE BOY WILL WALK.

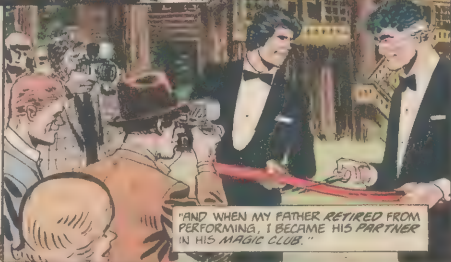
BUT... BUT...HOW WILL I PAY YOUR BILL?

YOU WILL NOT.



I DO THIS GRATIS, SIGNORE... BECAUSE MOCKINGBIRD WILLS IT.

YOU'LL MEET HIM SOON ENOUGH... AND KNOW WHY, FOR MOCKINGBIRD I WILL DO ANYTHING, AS SOMEONE, YOU POOR SOB... YOU WILL, TOO.



"IT TOOK TEN YEARS, BUT THE DOCTOR'S PROGNOSIS WAS CORRECT."

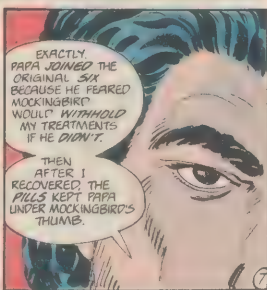
"AND WHEN MY FATHER RETIRED FROM PERFORMING, I BECAME HIS PARTNER IN HIS MAGIC CLUB."



BUT THERE WAS ONE THING THE DOCTOR COULDN'T FIX: MY DEGENERATIVE BONE DISEASE--

--A RESULT OF THE TRAUMA OF INJURY.

BUT THESE KEEP IT IN CHECK--PILLS MOCKINGBIRD SUPPLIES...?



EXACTLY PAPA JOINED THE ORIGINAL SIX BECAUSE HE FEARED MOCKINGBIRD WOULD WITHHOLD MY TREATMENTS IF HE DIDN'T.

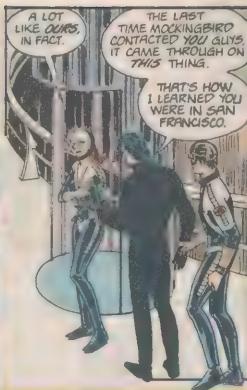
THEN AFTER I RECOVERED, THE PILLS KEPT PAPA UNDER MOCKINGBIRD'S THUMB.



BUT NOW, PAPA'S DEAD-- ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHERS. BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW... OR WHY.

HOW'D YOU FIND OUT ABOUT US?

PAPA LEFT ME THIS-- SOME KIND OF COMMUNICATION GIZMO THEY USED TO USE...



A LOT LIKE OURS, IN FACT.

THE LAST TIME MOCKINGBIRD CONTACTED YOU GUYS, IT CAME THROUGH ON THIS THING.

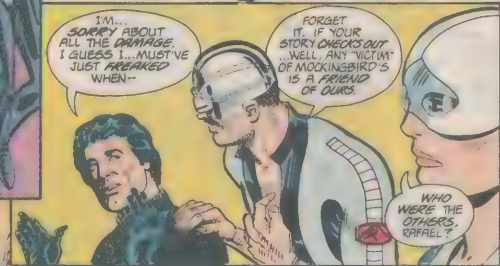
THAT'S HOW I LEARNED YOU WERE IN SAN FRANCISCO.



IT DIDN'T TAKE A GENIUS TO FIGURE WHAT A WAREHOUSE LEASED BY 'M. BIRD & ASSOCIATES' WAS A COVER FOR--

--WHEN NO SUCH COMPANY NAME IS REGISTERED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

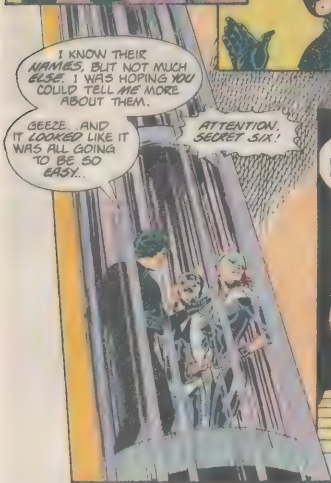
AND THIS THING UNLOCKED THE GATE.



I'M... SORRY ABOUT ALL THE DAMAGE. I GUESS I... MUST'VE JUST FREAKED WHEN--

FORGET IT. IF YOUR STORY CHECKS OUT... WELL, ANY 'VICTIM' OF MOCKINGBIRD'S IS A FRIEND OF OURS.

WHO WERE THE OTHERS, RAFAEL?



I KNOW THEIR NAMES, BUT NOT MUCH ELSE. I WAS HOPING YOU COULD TELL ME MORE ABOUT THEM.

GEEZE. AND IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS ALL GOING TO BE SO EASY...

ATTENTION, SECRET SIX!



YEAH. TOO EASY. LIKE YOU WERE BEIN' LED BY THE NOSE.

YOU MEAN MOCKINGBIRD WANTED US TO MEET...?

THERE IS A TRAITOR TO MOCKINGBIRD CONSPIRING AGAINST US!

HIS NAME IS RAFAEL DI RIENTE!!

NEXT WEEK:
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Continuing our selection of letters of comment generated by the preview copy of ACW #601.

Dear Mike,

When I first heard of the anthology premise for ACTION COMICS WEEKLY, I was reminded of those anthology record albums they used to advertise on TV. You know, "Original Hits by the Original Artists." It sounded great until the album actually arrived in the mail and you discovered that it was just a hastily slapped together collection of songs by an ersatz group that named their band "The Original Artists."

Through sheer luck alone, I was among the few who got mailed a preview copy of ACTION COMICS WEEKLY 601. I can say without hesitation that a great deal of care went into crafting this particular collection. It was a treat to see Green Lantern drawn by Gil Kane, Superman by Curt Swan and Deadman by Dan Jurgens. No "Original Artists" ripoff here.

This format is going to work as long as you keep the quality of art and writing up to the level of this first issue. Just as a restaurant with good food will always have customers, ACTION COMICS WEEKLY will always have loyal readers if the standard of issue #601 can be maintained.

I had given up on Green Lantern years ago, but in eight pages I've been drawn back. What a cliff-hanger! Can it be that Katma is really dead? It's a minor miracle to get plot development in a mere eight pages, but the job was done.

I always liked Star Sapphire, and she's a fitting foe for Hal at this stage in the character. I can't imagine trying to tackle the topic of "What is evil in a society without rules?" in eight-page slices. Needless to say, I'm aching to know more. The GREEN LANTERN piece was the best of the group. Glad to see this strip will be a regular feature.

I was a little disappointed that Superman got only two pages. But two pages by Swan beat two pages by Byrne, in my book. Is the fact that I'm Byrned up by the new Superman mythos going to keep my letter from being printed? I hope you give Roger Stern some leeway with Superman.

I was also very pleased with the Deadman installment. Art, writing and cliff-hanger were very pleasing. This Deadman has the qualities I remember, yet he's up-to-date with the 1980s.

Of all the things I noticed about ACTION COMICS WEEKLY 601, I'd have

to say that the art is the star. The Secret Six artwork is the low point, but only when compared with the return of Swan. Kudos all around for the great art. Good art always attracts me to a title.

I intend to buy the book regularly, if only for GL and Superman. I read and enjoyed the rotating titles, too, and I feel ACTION COMICS WEEKLY is a good forum for me to get to know these characters and the new ones ACTION COMICS WEEKLY may introduce in the future. In the beginning of ACTION COMICS, Superman was just a rotating character among many, and after issue #1, Supes didn't even get on the cover again until issue #10.

ACTION COMICS WEEKLY is a concept perfect for 1988 and will stimulate a lot of creativity in the comics world. I've been reading ACTION since before issue #300. I'm treating ACTION COMICS WEEKLY 601 as a true first edition. Thanks for letting me preview a copy. Keep up the good work. The only thing ACTION COMICS WEEKLY has in common with those rapid TV ads I mentioned before is the ubiquitous catch phrase "...but wait, there's more."

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Ah, but wait ... there's more!

Dear Mike

Hmmm ... ACTION going weekly. It makes an enormous amount of sense. Time, Newsweek, Barron's, Advertising Age, Billboard, Sports Illustrated and a host of other magazines come out every week ... why not ACTION? Personally, I look forward to the new format.

The opening Green Lantern segment packed more story (with better pacing and more excitement) than many issues of the book's recent run. Actually, the character made more sense than he has since way before CRISIS. If the Green Lantern will be in ACTION every week, and if the stories work this well ... that's reason enough to buy the book.

Wild Dog isn't a character that I find too interesting. Maybe he'll grow on me. The story went down easy ... That's the best I can say for now. Collins & Beatty have done great work in the past (notably *Ms Tree*). In the new format of ACTION, hopefully they'll get a quick chance to develop this character more swiftly.

I remember SECRET SIX from the late 1960s. As my eyes and tastes mature, I

appreciate the characterizations rendered by Dan Spegie. His artwork lives and breathes, and his characters have real emotion. These are real people in the panels. Worth the price of admission alone.

The two-page spread for Superman was generic, but I'll admit that it's a treat to see Curt Swan behind the pencil.

Deadman and Blackhawk were well handled. I'm certain that as the weeks go by, their tales will continue to hold my interest.

At \$1.50 for 48 pages, ACTION looks to be a fine comics value, especially when considering that independents ask at least that much money and generally deliver much much less entertainment. Good luck on what I'm certain will be a long and successful run.

John Moss
(Address withheld)

Dear Mike:

There are two aspects to ACTION COMICS WEEKLY 601 I'd like to address: The artistic and the editorial.

Of the artistic, I would say that it was not too bad an effort. After all, you brought in some heavy hitters with Gil Kane and Collins and Beatty. I especially liked Gil Kane's effort and I am looking forward to more.

The only art I didn't like was the work on the Secret Six chapter; it just didn't capture my attention. The writing, for the most part, was also good, again especially the Green Lantern work. On the other hand, I found the Wild Dog chapter to be simple-minded. Bad-guy terrorists hold hostages demanding protagonist be turned over to them. Protagonist overcomes terrorists, saves hostages, escapes into night. Didn't seem to be much thought put into that one.

The Superman sequence was rather boring, unless you might be adding a little twist to the end. We'll all have to see about that one. I liked the other stories well enough to want to see the rest, which brings me to the crux of this letter.

From conversations with other fans and from retailers, I've found a great deal of resistance to the concept of a weekly comic book. The main concern seems to be that ACTION COMICS wasn't blazing any new trails when it was a monthly issue and not too many of them would consider shelling out six bucks a month for what looks to be four or five comic stories cut up and dished

out on a weekly basis. I feel that for the comic to be a success, it would have to do what any other successful comic of recent memory has done—bring consistent quality art and writing along with giving the reader something unique. To do this on a weekly basis would seem to be an exceedingly difficult task.

When I first heard of the new format and had occasion to glimpse the cover art for the first four issues, I admit I was looking forward to their publication. Now that I have seen the contents, I must admit I am disappointed. It must be difficult enough for a writer to bring dramatic continuity to a monthly title, but to a weekly issue with only three or four pages to set the tone for the following week? I don't think it will work.

I would be more supportive if each week you put out one good story, with good cover art, good interior art and good writing. But no matter how good the contents, I find it annoying to "have" to buy four or five issues to see how one story ends.

I hope you find some of this to be useful and I wish you good luck.

Jim Mellicant
(Address Withheld)

Dear Mr. Gold,

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude for sending me a copy of ACTION COMICS WEEKLY. It was an unexpected yet wonderful surprise. Of course, I would be honored to give you my reviews.

Green Lantern: I hope I don't sound too prejudiced about this since Green Lantern is my favorite character, but I'll try. I like the fact that Hal's the only Green Lantern in "this end of the universe." However, I'm saddened by Roy Thomas concerning Skyman's death. In a letter I just wrote to Ray, I stated that one of the great truths of comic books is that any dead character can be brought back to life at any time. I especially like the "no rules" thing. From what I understand, Green Lantern will appear every week with no break, that's the best news.

Wild Dog: I loved Wild Dog from the start of his mini-series last year. So I may be somewhat prejudiced here as well. Wild Dog is somewhat monotonous—terrorists threaten, terrorists keep regular law enforcement at bay, Wild Dog shows up mysteriously and kills terrorists and then vanishes the same way he shows up. Now, I ask you, who cares!!! The guy became Wild Dog for one purpose: to kill terrorists. In this case, repetition is good. But, without special attention, Wild Dog could become the *Three's Company* of comic books.

Secret Six: Huh? Let me reserve judgment until I know what the heck's going on.

Superman: Hey! Curt Swan's drawing Supes again, even if it is only two pages a week. There's not much I can say about only two pages, but what I saw was intriguing.

Deadman: Now, this is really good. Mike Baron came up with another

winner. I've been following the Flash since #1, so I figured Deadman would be pretty good; I was wrong; it was superb. I'll be following Deadman more closely now than ever before—count on it!

Blackhawk: This one reminds me of the cliff-hangers I was told about by my parents and grandparents. Not enough information, nor too much, just enough to whet your appetite.

I believe Black Canary and Nightwing will be just as good as the others. Of course, Black Canary and Nightwing are also two of my favorite characters.

If you ever want to add a few more characters into the rotation, please consider Blue Beetle, Booster Gold and Blue Devil.

In this day and age, comics are one of—if not the most—underrated of media. I find so many people who think comic books are childish. For some, the FLASH can show comic books aren't childish; for others, it takes CINDER AND ASHE or THE WATCHMEN, which have even brought them back to me for the next issue. Some people still can't believe a "funny" book called HELL-BLAZER or a super-hero making love with his girlfriend in Seattle or a vigilante committing suicide. I love the look on their faces.

I'd like to thank you once more, Mr. Gold, for sending the copy of ACTION COMICS WEEKLY to me. I really feel honored that you chose me.

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Dear Mike,

First, let me thank you. Considering I've only written a handful of letters, this is truly an honor for me. Not only am I hand-picked by the editor of some of my favorite comics (GREEN ARROW, FLASH and Steve Lightle's run on DOOM PATROL), not only do I get to impress my local comic dealer and friends, but I think I earned the respect of Andy Helfer, another favorite editor, who was at a convention. But I know this isn't what you wanted to hear, I just wanted to express my gratitude.

Overall, the book looks pretty good, especially with the foreknowledge of a Green Lantern/Green Arrow team-up (something I've asked for in Ollie's own book), a Nightwing/Speedy team-up and a Black Canary feature. Hopefully, this will all tie in with GREEN ARROW. Also promising is this Superman-becomes-a-god plot. Does this mean he can get over his inferiority complex with Wonder Woman?

The one problem you will encounter is that \$1.50 a week is a lot and you're going to have to keep up the quality of the book, but I have faith in you. The concept is a good one, but you can never forget quality control or it will never work. In this case, reader-input should be the rule of thumb. Give us what we ask for. If it does work, you might consider reprinting every four episodes of whatever serial in a monthly format for those who aren't regular readers.

Anyway, thanks again for the advance copy. It truly is an honor and I hope if you ever need any more reader input, you'll let me know (pretty big of me, huh?)

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NEXT WEEK: chapter eight of everything—including the conclusion to our first Blackhawk sagal All's surrounded by a Green Lantern cover by Paul Smith! See you in seven!

—Mike Gold

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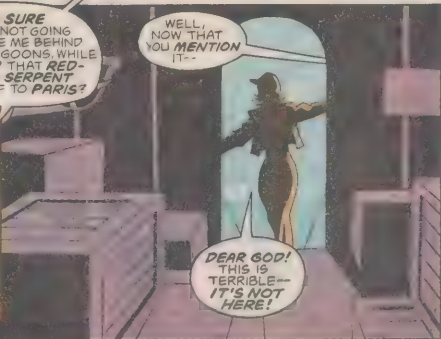
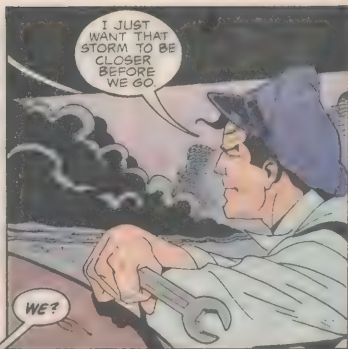
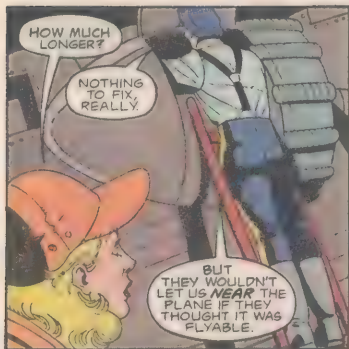
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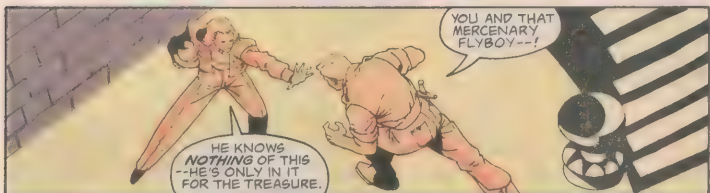
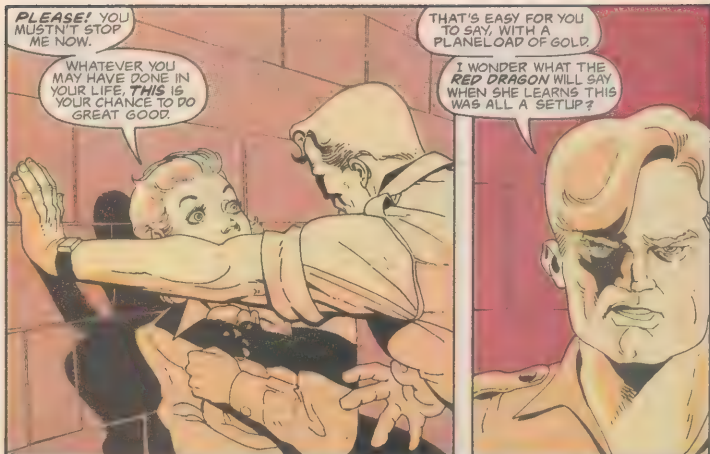
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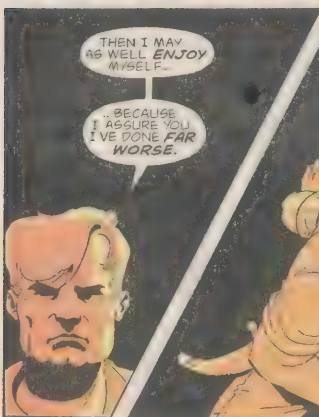
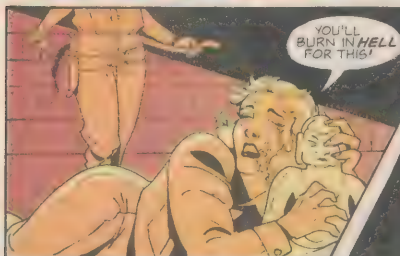


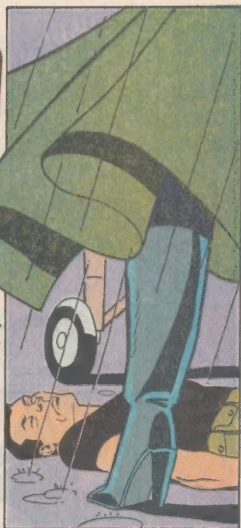


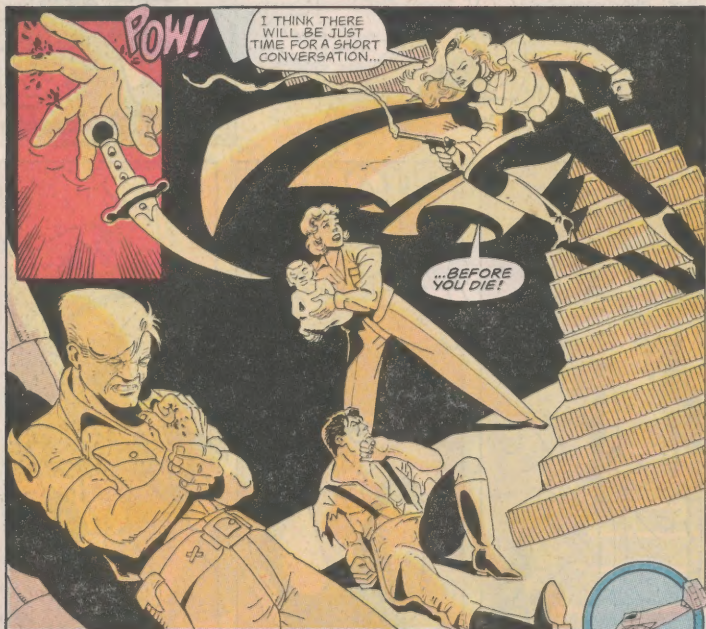
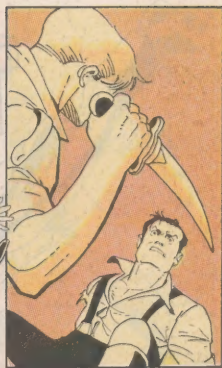
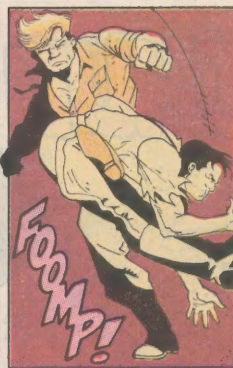




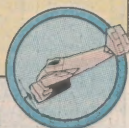








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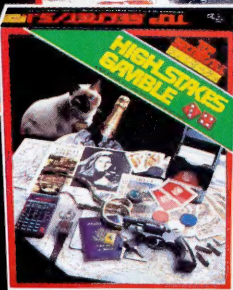
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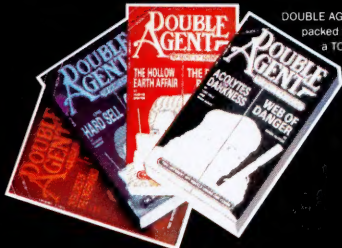
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